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AMENDMENT UNDER 37 CFR 1.116  
EXPEDITED PROCEDURE-EXAMINING  
GROUP 2881

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

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Application of :  
Tatsuya MIYATANI et al. :  
Serial No. 09/966,719 : Group Art Unit - 2881  
Filed: September 27, 2001 : Examiner - Phillip A.  
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For: SCANNING PROBE MICROSCOPE : Docket No. S004-4403

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**AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL  
UNDER RULE 116**

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In response to the final Office Action dated June 18, 2003, applicants amend their application as follows:

**ADDITIONAL FEE:**

A check in the amount of \$84.00 is enclosed to cover the cost of 1 additional independent claim in excess of 3. Should the check prove insufficient for any reason, authorization is hereby given to charge any such deficiency to our Deposit Account No. 01-0268.

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